
Transportation Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
February 7, 2013
Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation Committee (TC) held its meeting at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Members Present:

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Bob Botts, Banning	RCTC
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	Buena Park
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Frank Gurulé, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Bill Hodge, Calexico	ICTC
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta	WRCOG
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	SANBAG
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark (<i>Chair</i>)	VCTC
Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress	District 18
Hon. Jim Morton	Lynwood
Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea	District 22
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Micheál O'Leary, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Gary Ovitt	San Bernardino County
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale	District 42
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. David Spence, La Cañada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona	WRCOG
Hon. Tim Spohn, City of Industry	SGVCOG
Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County

Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	SANBAG

Members Not Present:

Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	GCCOG
Hon. Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Brian McDonald	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Mr. Aziz Elattar	Caltrans District 7

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Ventura County, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Hon. Alan Wapner, SANBAG, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Gary Gosliga, Airport Director, March Joint Powers Authority, introduced himself as the chair of SCAG's Aviation Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC), and offered the services of the past three chairs of the ATAC as ex-officio members of an Aviation Subcommittee should it be formed.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no request to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the January 3, 2013 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Stone) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was seconded (Ovitt) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

Receive and File

2. Summary Report from Subcommittees

ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

3. ON THE MOVE Southern California Delivers the Goods Summary Report

Michael Fischer, Cambridge Systematics, provided an overview of the recently completed Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Plan and Implementation Strategy. The report outlines a vision for Southern California's world-class goods movement system that includes nine (9) chapters that describe the goods movement system, key challenges, economic importance, strategies to improve the system and finance infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Fischer indicated that the Southern California goods movement system is critical to the national and regional economy as it provides access to international gateways, supports manufacturing, and serves the needs of local businesses and residents. Increasing demand on the system poses challenges as truck and rail volume, associated safety, congestion, and air quality impacts continue to grow. The strategies included in the Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Plan and Implementation Strategy and 2012-2035 RTP/SCS addresses these needs and provide additional safety and air quality benefits. The plan's key strategies include developing a zero emission freight corridor system, truck bottleneck relief, rail improvement package with grade separation projects, mainline capacity enhancements, and other truck corridor and access improvement projects. Copies of the Summary Report are now available.

Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura County, asked why there is an increase in truck and vehicle collisions. Mr. Fischer stated that it is the result of increased truck activities in the region. Truck-involved collisions increase particularly in places of high truck volume as well as at locations where roadway geometry poses difficulty for maneuvering trucks.

Hon Karen Spiegel, Corona, asked about the cost of the Goods Movement projects under consideration. Annie Nam, SCAG Staff, stated that nearly \$60 billion in projects are identified in the current RTP/SCS.

4. Aviation Subcommittee for the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

Due to time constraint this item was deferred to the March 2013 meeting.

5. Transportation Committee (TC) Video-conference Pilot Program

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, stated that an initiative was presented to permit video-conferencing of Transportation Committee meetings for a 6-month trial period. Mr. Chidsey stated that a letter of support of the pilot program was received from the City of Palmdale. Chair Millhouse stated that the Brown Act requires a roll call vote for each action taken during a video-conference meeting.

Hon Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, expressed support for the Committee's monthly in-person meetings and that this interaction could not be realized with video-conferencing. Hon. Alan Wapner stated that he is supportive of the video-conferencing concept; however, the

best approach would be to seek legislation that modifies the Brown Act to eliminate the roll call requirement.

A motion was made (Ovitt) that SCAG seek a legislative proposal to update the Brown Act to better reflect modern technology so that roll call votes are not required for actions taken during video-conferenced meetings. The motion was seconded (Stone) and passed with a majority vote, with one abstention (Hack).

6. State Legislation Allowing Triple Bike Racks on Buses

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, provided an update on state legislation that would allow triple bike racks on transit buses. Mr. Chidsey stated that current policy typically allows bike racks at the front of buses to extend only 36 inches accommodating only two bikes. Mr. Chidsey further stated that there are increasing reports of riders encountering full bike racks, requiring them to seek an alternative. It was further noted that SCAG would support as part of the 2013 Legislative Priorities new legislation that amends the state Vehicle Code to allow for bus bike racks to accommodate 3 bikes.

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, asked if progress on this initiative now depends on finding an author for the legislation. Mr. Chidsey responded and stated that there has been some discussion regarding the safety considerations of using a longer bike rack.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report was provided.

STAFF REPORT

No report was provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.



Ryan Kuo, Senior Regional Planner
Transportation Planning

Transportation Committee Attendance Report

2013

		X = County Represented							X = Attended			= No Meeting		NM = New Member						
	Member (including Ex-Officio) Last Name, First Name	Representing	IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	GA May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X					X											
2	Barrows, Bruce*	Cermits		X					X											
3	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X						X										
4	Betts, Russell	CVAG				X			X	X										
5	Botts, Bob	Banning, RCTC							NM	X										
6	Brown, Art	Buena park							NM	X										
7	Carroll, Stan*	La Habra Heights			X				X	X										
8	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X					X	X										
9	DeGrandpre, Jeff	Eastvale							NM	X										
10	Diels, Steve	Redondo Beach		X					X											
11	Eaton, Paul*	Montclair		X																
12	Elattar, Aziz	Caltrans - District 7																		
13	Guerra, Mario	Downey		X																
14	Gurulé, Frank*	Cudahy		X						X										
15	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X				X	X										
16	Harper, Matthew*	Huntington Beach			X				X											
17	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X					X	X										
18	Hodge, Bill	Clexico, ICTC	X							X										
19	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X																
20	Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa				X			X	X										
21	Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo			X				X	X										
22	Lane, Randon	Murietta							NM	X										
23	Ledford, James C.	Palmdale/No. LA County		X																
24	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X				X	X										
25	McDonald, Brian	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe					X													
26	McEachron, Ryan	Victorville					X		X	X										
27	McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X					X	X										
28	Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X																
29	Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X					X	X										
30	Millhouse, Keith* (Chair)	Moorpark						X	X	X										
31	Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X				X	X										
32	Morton, Jim	Lynwood								X										
33	Murdock, Brett	Brea			X				X	X										
34	Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X					X											
35	Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X															
36	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X					X	X										
37	O'Leary, Micheál	Culver City/WCCOG		X					X	X										
38	Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X		X	X										
39	Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X																
40	Parks, Linda	Ventura County							NM	X										
41	Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X			X	X										
42	Quintero, Frank*	Glendale		X						X										
43	Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG							X											
44	Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X			X	X										
45	Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X					X											
46	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X														
47	Spence, David	Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X					X	X										
48	Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X			X	X										
49	Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X					X	X										
50	Stone, Jeff*	Riverside				X			X	X										
51	Talamantes, Jess	Burbank/SFVCOG		X						X										
52	Voss, Don*	La Cañada Flintridge		X					X	X										
53	Wapner, Alan* (Vice-Chair)	Ontario					X		X	X										
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* Regional Council Member																				